GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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LEGISLATION ON FAKE DOCTORS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to enact a legislation to deal with the activities of fake doctors in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefore; and

(d) the time by which legislation is likely to be enacted?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)to(d): According to the provisions contained in the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956, the Indian Medicine Central Council Act, 1970 and Homoeopathy Central Council Act, 1973, no unregistered practitioner can practice medicine.Any person who acts in contravention of the provisions can be punished with imprisonment and fine under the respective Acts.
However, there is no specific provision under law to take deterrent action against unqualified practitioners who masquerade as doctors and practice medicine. To deal with this situation, Government has initiated steps to formulate a model legislative proposal for checking medical practice by unqualified persons.